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WORCESTER - MASS.

Howland Wood Esq.
N. Y. City

Friend Howland:-

In a trade I have received
some medals bronze or copper all in
perfect condition which I know very little
about. I thought of you as in a
position to help me out either the sale
of them or putting me next to a party
who was interested in them. I will
describe them to you, and I can send
those you think of any interest to you
by parcel post.

1st = Gulielmus Pitt (by Halliday) Rev. Vota Publica
in olive wreath. Size 56 Bronze =
2nd C. I. Fox, OB, SEP, XIII, MDCCCVI - (by Webb) Cracked die
Rev. Libertatis. Humanitatisque Vinde. (Woman
with arms outstretched holding an olive wreath in each
hand standing on portion of globe. (world) She has wings.
Bronze - size 26 -
3rd Arthur Duke of Wellington (Webb. F. modeled by P. Roman
Mundis. D. Jall this in small letters under bust. Rev. His life in
very small type - first line = born May 1 - 1769 - Last two lines = Gov. of

2

Plymouth Oct 9-1819- bronze- size 58 =

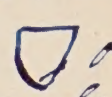

#4- Emperor Napoleon (naked bust in Wreath) outside of wreath, Died 5 May Buried in Rupert's Valley St. Helena 9 May 1821- ~~Rev.~~ Thomason & Jones. D. Rev. His live small type - just live, Born 15 Aug. 1769- last two lines. arrived at S. Helena 15 Oct. 1815- bronze- size 56 -

#5- Victoria D: G: Britanniarum Regina F: D: albertus Princeps Conjugit' MDCCCIV. by G.G. ADAMS. - four females - one an angel busts of Victoria & albert. Rev. four females - one an angel blowing a trumpet, one standing in center - and one on each side one of which is naked to waist - the other writing on a tablet. over them the words = Ornatus Proprie Industria Donis. background should say was some Exposition building - beneath MDCCCLIV - G.G. Adams - Bronze (redish) size 66 -

6th = His Most Gracious Majesty William IV - 1830 by Thomason. D. Bust - Rev. Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Adelaide 1830 - Thomason. D. Bronze size 56 =

#7th = George Canning (Bust naked) beneath GALLEY. Rev. Liberte Civile ET Religieuse Dans L'Univers - 1827. inside a plain circle outside of which is A La Concorde Des Peuples Copper or bronze size 53

#8 = Cristoforo Colombo - Bust - beneath small letters G. GIROMETTI. F. Rev. Genova agli Scienziati Italiani 1846 in three lines — . O. — this is Silver - size 60 - 5 M.M. thick —

#9 = Female naked (angle) one hand a flaming torch other hand a palm branch - she seems to be flying between two mountains, water flowing beneath - Alphonse Dubuis close to edge small letters. Rev. IN MEMORIAM PRIMAE CONFEDERATIONIS HELVETIORUM SEXTO CENTENARIO 1. AUG. MDCCCXCI - three shields beneath  one with bull's head, one with  cross upper corner, one with two keys. then a large one to left of lettering on a olive branch with the cross in the center. A.D. near edge at bottom. new dull Bronze finish - Size 70 -

#10 = Joseph Florimond Duc. DE. Loubat, Busch, by E. Vernon 1910 - Rev. Palm branch to left, ÉLU ASSOCIÉ ÉTRANGER DE L'INSTITUT - ACADEMIE DES INSCRIPTIONS ET BELLES-LETTRES - 29 NOV. 1907 - new dull mat finish Bronze - and Bronze is countersunk on edge - size 74

#11 = Same obv. as #10 - Rev. Coat of Arms Lion rampant on each side - Crown over oval shield with lion and two flour de lis and draperies Crowned over all. underneath in small letters ORPHANO TU. ERIS ADIUTOR Same finish Bronze as #10 - Size 62 - Bronze on edge.

#12 - (Rebecca at the well) I think giving a drink to a man beside which stands two camels, beneath M. I.C. 24 V. 18 C. PFEUFFER, FEC. Rev. Palm wreath in which is - WILLST DU MIT DIESEM MANNE ZIEHEN? - - - SIE SPRACH; ICH WILL MIT ZIEHEN - - - Mos 10 24 V 58 H. & R. bronze size 50 -

Dec. 29th 1915

Howland Wood Esq.
N. Y. City

Friend Howland:-

I wrote you some time ago
enclosing a list of medals I had got hold
of, with a request as to their value also
if there were any among the lot that
the Amer. N. Society would like to buy -
I have not heard from you regarding
same. Will you kindly answer those
questions also regarding a Medal book
of Holland I have just got - it is a
book 5 inches wide & long. 3 in. thick, bound in
pig skin - ~~Historia~~ Historie Metallique DE
La Republique DE Hollande. Par M^r Bizot
Tome Premier Nouvelle Edition Amsterdam chez
Pierre Mortier, Libraire sur le Vygen-dam, à
l'enfrigue de la Ville de Paris. M, DC, LXXXVIII.
avec privilege de Nos Seigneurs les Etats. 160 Pages -

Tome Second Page 161 to 315 with Index (over)

Then follows — Supplement a L'Histoire
etc., dated M.DC.LXXXX Pages 1 to 256
followed by Theatre D'Honneur Des
Heros qui ont sacrifié leurs vies Pour la
Republique de Hollande, On l'on voit graves, sur
le cuivre, les Tombeaux Magnifiques qui ont été
dressés en leur honneur, & leurs Epitaphes.
56 Pages followed by Table Des Matieres.
There are hundreds of cuts of medals all
through the book. The book is in extra fine
condition and complete.

Yours & etc.

G. L. Hildew

405 Main St.

Worcester

Mass.

Baer - 1910.
offer 3 mcs
for 12 months.
\$3.

Rollin & Farnham
12 fr.

January 4, 1916.

Mr. George L. Tilden
405 Main Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear George:-

I owe you many apologies for not answering your first letter. The fact is, I took about two weeks off and went home and I consequently was very busy just before going and only got back yesterday.

Foreign medals, as you may know, bring very little in this country especially if they are in any metal other than silver. The Pick medal may be worth about a dollar. the Fox medal, I doubt if you could much of anything for. The Wellington medal is problematical, probably worth fifty cents. The Napoleon one may or may not bring a little more. The Victoria Exposition medal will probably not bring much of anything in this country, nor the William IV medal and the Canning. The Columbus medal might bring several dollars if you could find the right person. As a matter of fact, the interest in Columbus medals has pretty nearly died out. The Svise medal I don't think has much of any value. The Loubat medals might bring a dollar or so. I doubt if the German medal is worth much of anything. None of these medals would be of any interest to us. As a matter of fact, I think we have them all.

I am sorry I am unable to give you any more glowing accounts, but the fact is, as I have stated before, very few collect them. The only person I know of who would be interested in them is Mr. Robert James Eidlitz, 30 East 42nd Street, New York. You might write him and see if he is interested.

Your books on the Dutch medals are of little value. They are not referred to to-day being superceded by Van Loon. Baer, a foreign book dealer, who gets the best prices for numismatics books in Europe, quotes the set at \$3.00 and a French firm quotes the same books at 12 francs or \$2.40.

Very truly yours,

P. S. Did your returns include the Wash. medal with
the ribbon attached? that as you remember no doubt belonged
to me personally it was
to cost you \$3.00

G. L. TILDEN
DEALER IN COINS
405 MAIN STREET. ROOM 201
WORCESTER, MASS.

yes

March 23rd 1919

Howland Wood,
N. Y. City

Friend Howland: —

Your letter with check
received ok. thanks for check, I have also
got check from the Bank for \$151.06 many
thanks also for that. Yes you keep the
Coins & etc to value of \$10.25 also the political
to value of \$25.85 and do the best you can with
them for me, if they do not sell in a reasonable
time or are of an inconvenience to you, you
can send them back. And I thank you in advance
for anything you can do for me. I received a letter
from Mr. Wormser the Banker about Crows - but
Raymond made quite an attack on them, and I
do not know enough about crows to reply to his
letter with the information he wants - About the
only way I could do would be to make up a package
and send them on to him on approval - guess I
will write him that way - all are well here -
Trust yourself and family are all doing nicely -
I enclose a note for Mr. Wyman will you
kindly hand him same and oblige

Yours & etc

G. L. Tilden

March 26th, 1919.

Mr. George L. Tilden,
113 Hillcroft Avenue,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear George:-

Your letter just at hand, and the Washington medal with ribbon came from your private collection, which was paid for out of the cheque from the bank, therefore you can take this three dollars out for yourself. Excuse me for overlooking this. I sold the other day three or four dollars' worth of your coins, and will try to sell the rest. If I do not sell them within a reasonable time, I will send them back to you.

Believe me,

Very truly,

Tilden

check from Bank 151.06

check from Wood }
Political 150 } 36.20

on hand not sold 10.25

151.06 ✓

30.70 ✓

10.25 ✓

192.01

Lambert (Richard)

110
80
80
160
20
135
4025

Masonic Temple

New Orleans

Louisiana

Tildens rect rect

2@150 300
 1@ 125
 5@ 100
 7@ 100 700
 7@ 75 525
 17@ 50 850
 21@ 35 735
 1@ 75 75
 125 } other rect
 20@ 50 500
 21@ 20 420
 64@ 15 960
 87@ 25 2175 Eng Tickers
 34@ 10 340 v
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 25 625 1848 v
 22 225 Eng Tickers v
 8 200 v
 21 @ 5 105 v
 178 @ 3 534 v
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Mrs. Williams
 sup 145
 sup 35



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6.75

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9.80

5.00

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11.55

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5.91 ✓

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2.25

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3.00

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$$\begin{array}{r} 75 \\ 9 \\ \hline 1675 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 151.06 \\ 2615 \\ 360 \\ 95 \\ \hline 3070 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \\ \hline 280 \\ 70 \end{array}$$

114 87

$$\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ 15 \\ \hline 385 \\ 77 \\ \hline 1155 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 136 \\ 131 \\ \hline 57 \\ 519 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4114 \\ 2850 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 21 \\ \hline 55 \\ 78 \\ \hline 733 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 710 \\ 695 \\ \hline 15 \\ 1550 \\ \hline 1565 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19011 \\ 1900 \\ \hline 1711 \end{array}$$

Beaver's account

30 @ \$15.00

30 @ 7.35

30 @ $\frac{6.00}{1.35}$

15.50
25.45

$\frac{3.45}{2.1}$
2.45
2.45

10 @ 50

1 @ 250

2 @ 175

1 @ 100

2 @ 75

2 @ 80

7 @ 25

4 @ 60

6 @ 20

12 @ 25

500

250

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120

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115

No. _____

NEW YORK, _____

BANKERS TRUST COMPA

7 WALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF _____

\$ _____

16
1/2
157

March 18th, 1919.

Mr. George L. Tilden,
113 Hillcroft Avenue,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Tilden:-

I am sorry that I have not rendered you an account before this but I have had more work than I could well do after I got back.

On checking up and recounting, I make these coins that I took away amount to \$192.01 instead of \$193.31 as on the memo I took with me.

I am directing the bank to send you a check for \$151.06 for the pieces we took. This check should reach you Saturday or Monday.

I am enclosing my personal check for \$36.20 for others that we have taken. \$2.00 of this is 2 pieces you told me to mark special account, and \$5.50 is for politicals that Mr. Beaver bought. You may remember that these Politicals amounting to \$31.35 was not included in the \$192.01 account.

I have on hand not sold pieces to the value of \$10.35 and Politicals to the value of \$25.85. Shall I hold these a little while longer and see if we can sell them or do you want me to send them back to you.

Remember me to Mrs. Tilden and Dicky, and believe me,

Very truly,

June 16th, 1951

George L. Tilden, Esq.
495 Main Street
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Tilden:

I am sending you, herewith, my cheque
for ten dollars (\$10.00) as a contribution
to the Boston Aerobiotic Society for its ex-
penses toward the A.B.A. Convention.

Very truly yours,

HW/E
enc.

Was sorry to learn of the death of Mr. W. W. Wilson of Montreal.
What will become of his collection, does anyone know?



G. L. TILDEN

Antiques

STATE ROAD
NORTHBORO, MASS.

June 16-1924

"The Shop Beautiful"

Mr. Howland Wood
To Amer. Numis. Soc. N.Y.

My Dear Friend Wood: -

How are you these days, I have not had the pleasure of seeing or hearing from you for so long that I thought I would just drop you a line. I have moved to Northboro Mass. State Road towards Boston, from Worcester about ten miles. I like here very much. I always attend Hesselius Sales. and would be glad to act for you in any of them. Can you give me any further information regarding Lincoln Medal #244 in Feb. 1924 Numismatical it says 16 in W.M. struck when die broke but does not state how many in upper or lower strike. And I would like to learn about what they are worth in W.M. also copper in perfect condition. Best Wishes & Regards
Yours Resp. G. L. Tilden

4.1.18

ALVATOR



PATRICK.

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IN
MEMORY
OF THE
-LIFE ACTS AND DEATH
OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
BORN FEBRUARY 12. 1809.
DIED APRIL 15. 1865.

Am French
in saying this in number 10-
you will notice

June 18th, 1924

Mr. G. L. Tilden
State Road
Northboro, Mass.

Dear Tilden:

It certainly is a long time since we have heard from one another. I have been keeping busy, as you may imagine.

I am now living in Flushing and commute daily. We have enough ground to keep me occupied.

So far Hesslein has had nothing I want, but I certainly would rather send the bids to you than direct to him.

The Lincoln medal, about which you ask, was issued by our Society. The published number of pieces struck is inaccurate. We feel more were struck than are recorded - probably about one hundred, in all metals. These have brought anywhere from five to fifteen dollars at auction. The price has varied considerably according to actual needs of collectors.

As far as I know Wilson's coins will be sold eventually, possibly in England.

Trusting all of you are well,

Very truly yours,

Curator



"THE SHOP BEAUTIFUL"

G. L. TILDEN

ANTIQUES

STATE ROAD
NORTHBORO, MASS.

Sept. 24-1927

Mr. Howland Wood
N. Y. City

Friend Howland:-

It is a long time since I have sent you a letter or received one. Trust this finds you enjoying good health and spirits. I just added another H. J. Token to my collection #85 bought it of Sears this week. And it came to me that you might help me out sometime in adding to my collection. I would be greatly obliged to you if you ever could. I enclose a list of my wants on a small card. As letters can never be found when one wants to. I am in the antique game now and I have a corking fine stock. My specialty is small things, glass, china, mirrors, chairs, tables etc. I carry the largest stock of glass cup plates of any dealer, also the Range in Sandwich glass & Salts.

If I can ever do anything for you
kindly call on me for old times
sake. My store cards are not growing
very fast. I have about 3000 of them.
Some exceptionally nice ones too.
With the very best wishes for
you and yours.

From your old
The "Kummensatist"
Friend

J. L. Gilder



"THE SHOP BEAUTIFUL"

G. L. TILDEN

Antiques

STATE ROAD

NORTHBORO, MASS.

Jan. 12-1932

Mr. Howland Wood.

N. Y. City.

My Dear Mr. Wood:-

Have you seen or heard of Mr. Wm. Hesselin lately? The reason I ask is he has disappeared from around Boston - has not been to his office or residence for over a week. And as I had a large consignment of Comings & Wedgolds in his last sale of Dec. 4th & 5th for which I have not received payment. You can see why I am anxious to locate him - if you do hear anything regarding as to where he is, I would greatly appreciate any information you can give me. With best wishes

I am yours Resp.

G. L. Tilden

January 13, 1932.

Mr. G. L. Tilden
State Road
Northboro, Mass.

Dear Tilden:

I was awfully glad to hear from you and I am most surprised to hear about Hesslein. This is news to me. During the past few years we have given him quite a lot to sell at auctions and he has always paid most promptly. In fact, our last transaction was only a couple of months ago. I trust everything will turn out all right and that he will show up again and you will get your money. Have you gotten in touch with his family - I suppose he has a wife? If I do hear anything concerning him, I will let you know, also let me know if you hear anything. This is more out of curiosity than anything else. If he has disappeared, he certainly will not show up in New York.

Due to the hard times, I am stuck with a very fine example of an ox-bow front, four drawer chest of drawers, San Domingo mahogany in perfect condition, with the original brasses, four claw and ball feet with a large overhanging top at the sides. It is of medium size. I was offered by a dealer \$1,000.00 for it just before the crash and I did not accept it, as I wanted over \$1,500.00 and also I paid \$1,000.00 for it. I am willing to take \$1,000.00 for it now and if you think you can dispose of it let me know and I will send you photographs, dimensions and everything. I do not have these at the office, otherwise I would enclose them. It came from Portsmouth, N. H. about forty years ago and was refinished at the time with a rub-down oil finish. This is its only draw back from the standpoint of an advanced collector, but is no drawback to anyone who wants to furnish a bedroom.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



"THE SHOP BEAUTIFUL"

G. L. TILDEN

Antiques

STATE ROAD
NORTHBORO, MASS.

Jan. 23-1932

Mr. Howland Wood,
N. Y. City,

Dear Mr. Wood:-

yours received, at this time Antiques are absolutely dead - now is no time to try and sell your chest of drawers. I will however keep it in mind, and when convenient to you, you might send me a photo. of the piece. Mr. Hasslein leaves his wife - who had separated support the past few years by mutual agreement. also a son & daughter - There is no doubt but he has skipped out. There is a mortgage on his entire property at his office of about \$1,000. = and the ones holding the mortgage have taken possession. His family has asked the court to appoint a family friend as absentee Receiver, it will take about 3 weeks to go through with that. I was present when the two sales were opened by order of the Mortgagee - and the going of any value were absent - There is also a Loan Co. in Boston holding his notes, for \$2,000. - then there is a Mr. Allen of New Jersey - who had things in last sale amounting to about \$800. = and

my coins & Medals in sale - and office rent, apartments
where he lived rent, advertising bills &c. and his
bank accounts were drawn down to about \$5.00 in
each account - so you see there is no doubt
but what he has ducked out leaving his
creditors holding the bag. I cannot see at
this time where I am going to get much of
anything from the wreck.

Best Wishes
Yours Respt.

G. L. Gilder

P.S. Do you know anyone who might be
interested in buying my collection of Hard
Silver Tokens - I am supposed to own the finest
collection in existence - in condition and number
of pieces - they have cost me over \$4000. - I
will be glad to take a fair loss on same to
make a sale - also I have a corking good
collection of American Store Cards for sale.

February 29, 1932.

Mr. George L. Tilden
State Road
Northboro, Mass.

Dear George:

I delayed answering your last letter as I had mislaid the photograph of the bureau. I am enclosing two of these and on the back of one I have put the dimensions. It is absolutely original with no restorations. It was mended in a few places about forty years ago. It is in dark mahogany and as you will note has four claw and ball feet. It came from Portsmouth, N. H.. Its chief characteristics are the ox bow front, the overhang at each side and its smallness. Let me know if you are coming on to New York for the antique exhibition that I think is going to be pulled off in about a month.

I have not heard a single word concerning Hesslein.

As for your collection of hard time tokens, I really think you are in a better position to know who to sell them to than I am. As a matter of fact, I think this is no time to sell. I think the bottom has more or less fallen out on hard time tokens and the same with store cards.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG